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Dear Church Leadership,

We are inviting you to join with us in a conversation to develop a network of disaster response and recovery. In times of disaster, most likely you will receive many phone calls from those affected by the disaster asking for your assistance and concerned citizens wanting to help. We are writing today to invite you into a relational network called the SALLT Preparedness Circle. This group has been formed for the purpose of organizing and mobilizing the Church to help meet the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of those affected by disaster.

Our plan is to build relationships and a communication infrastructure in Greater Oklahoma City that will enable and empower the Church (by which we mean all believers, not just the institutionalized church) to organize, mobilize, connect, prepare and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, great or small.

*Here's what we can offer you (among other things):*

- **Individual and Family Preparedness:** Provide basic informational resources so your household can be ready for a disaster.
- **Church Preparedness:** Provide informational resources so your church community can individually and corporately be ready for disaster and equipped to serve their local church/community. Also introduce you to a web platform that will assist in quickly and effectively bringing relief to those affected by disaster.
- **Community Preparedness:** Provide an online platform to quickly and effectively help bring relief to those affected by disaster in your area. It will allow every church and nonprofit to quickly sign up online to state their needs or offer resources during an emergency.

We desire your partnership to better prepare you for those phone calls, and enable you and your church to serve those in need during times of disaster. By joining together, our efforts are multiplied exponentially in giving compassionate relief to those displaced and hurting. Our hope would be to have every church participate and help in two ways:

- Raise up your people to become personally prepared, and encourage them to be trained to help others.
- Provide a list of available resources from your church to help via the attached ***Shared Capabilities Sheet.***

Ultimately, our goal is to build relationships that give the Church the opportunity to “be the church” to our city through the sharing of resources, and promoting individual preparedness within our city BEFORE the next disaster strikes. Thank you again for your consideration. We will be in contact with you to provide follow up information.

Sincerely,

OKC Office of Emergency Mgt, SALLT, Kimray, ServeOK, Serve More, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma & Shiloh Camp

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